

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

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In the Matter of )  
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Maria Brickman, M.D. )  
Application for License )  
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KS State Board of Healing Arts

Docket No. 26-HA00009

**FINAL ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION FOR LICENSE**

NOW ON THIS 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025, comes on for hearing with due and proper notice, the matter of the of application of Maria Brickman, M.D. (Applicant) for an active license to practice medicine and surgery. Applicant appears virtually *pro se*. Sherri Wattenbarger, J.D., President of the Board, appears with a lawfully convened Board. Bradley Taylor, Deputy General Counsel, presents the status of the application to the Board.

**I. Summary of Proceedings**

For purposes of licensure by examination consideration, Applicant took more than seven attempts to pass all three steps of the Unites States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE). However, for licensure by endorsement consideration, Applicant is actively licensed in multiple other states and has been actively practicing as a physician in the United States since at least 2002 with no history of discipline.

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## II. Facts

1. Applicant applied for a license to practice medicine and surgery in Kansas (Application), which was deemed complete and filed on August 29, 2025.
2. Applicant graduated from Russian State Medical University in 1986 and is certified by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG). Application, pp. 10, 27-37.
3. From 1986 through 1988 Applicant worked for Children's Hospital in Russia as a resident physician. From 1988 to 1990 Applicant took a period of leave and immigrated to Isreal. Application, p. 13
4. While in Isreal, from 1990 to 1993, Applicant completed advanced coursework and clinical research at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem School of Medicine, after which Applicant took time off to study for USMLE exams and eventually moved to the United States in 1998. Application, pp. 13-14
5. Between 1994 and 2000 Applicant successfully completed all three steps of the USMLE in nine attempts. Application, p. 44.
6. From June 1998 through June 1999 Applicant completed one year of ACGME accredited postgraduate training (PGT) at Saint Francis Medical Center in Pennsylvania. Application, p. 39.
7. From July 1999 through June 2002 Applicant completed three additional years of ACGME accredited PGT at UCLA Medical Center in California. Application, p. 41.

8. Since 2002 Applicant has worked continuously as a physician in a clinical capacity for various health care organizations, including, but not limited to, practicing as a neurologist physician providing evaluation and treatment of patients with neurologic disorders in California. Application, pp. 3-4, 7, 11, 14-15.

9. Applicant holds active licenses in multiple states with no history of claims or discipline. Application, pp. 71-72.

10. Applicant submitted a Certificate of Insurance (p. 64) and demonstrates a reasonable ability to communicate in English.

### **III. Legal Conclusions**

Pursuant to K.A.R. 100-7-1(a)(2), for purposes of licensure by examination in medicine and surgery, each applicant who does not complete all steps of the USMLE within seven total attempts shall be deemed ineligible for licensure by examination until the applicant has submitted evidence acceptable to the board of further professional study.

The Board will forgo analysis as to whether Applicant has submitted acceptable evidence of further professional study to satisfy K.A.R. 100-7-1 for licensure by examination due to the Board's decision, as indicated below, that Applicant meets requirements for licensure by endorsement.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2833, for purposes of applications for licensure by endorsement, the Board may issue a license to an Applicant who has been in active practice in another state if the Applicant's endorsed license has not been limited or subject to discipline when the Applicant presents proof of the following: (a) The state the applicant last practiced has and maintains standards at least equal to those maintained by Kansas; (b) Applicant's original license was based upon an examination and passing grade equal to Kansas examination requirements; (c) Since the endorsed licenses were attained; (d) That the applicant has been actively engaged in practice under such license or licenses since issued; and (e) That the applicant has a reasonable ability to communicate in English.

Pursuant to K.A.R. 100-8-3, applicants seeking licensure by endorsement must have been actively practicing in the twelve months immediately preceding the application, consisting of either at least one full day per week for at least 50 weeks, a total of 400 hours, or the substantial equivalent as determined by the Board. Based on the submissions of Applicant, including her Application and testimony, the Board finds that she has submitted satisfactory proof of meeting the requirements imposed by K.S.A. 65-2833 and K.A.R. 100-8-3 and that Applicant's individual qualifications are substantially equivalent to the Kansas legal requirements for purposes of licensure by endorsement. The Board also finds, based on Applicants submissions, including, but

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not limited to her ECFMG certification, that Applicant meets the requirements for foreign graduates under K.A.R. 100-6-5.

The Board finds that the Applicant meets the requirements for licensure by endorsement and **GRANTS the APPLICATION.**

**FOR THE KANSAS STATE BOARD  
OF HEALING ARTS**

*Susan Gile*

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Executive Director

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**FINAL ORDER NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that this is a Final Order. A Final Order is effective upon service. A party to an agency proceeding may seek judicial review of a Final Order by filing a petition in the District Court as authorized by K.S.A. 77-601, *et seq.* Seeking reconsideration of a Final Order is not a prerequisite to judicial review. A petition for judicial review is not timely unless filed within 30 days following service of the Final Order. A copy of any petition for judicial review must be served upon Susan Gile, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Healing Arts, 800 SW Jackson St, Suite 700, Topeka, KS 66612.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **FINAL ORDER** was served this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025 by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class, postage prepaid, and via email, addressed to:

Maria Brickman, M.D.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

*Applicant*

And a copy was hand-delivered to:

Compliance Coordinator  
Kansas State Board of Healing Arts  
800 SW Jackson St, Suite 700  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

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And the original was filed with the office of the Executive Director.



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